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Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE PARTNERSHIP between Messrs. STEPHENS & HOLMES, Solicitors, TERMINATED on the 31st March, 1884, and the Undersigned will continue to practise in his own Name at No. 24, QUEEN'S ROAD, adjoining the Hongkong Dispensary.

HENRY J. HOLMES. Hongkong, April 2, 1884.

NOTICE.

THE PARTNERSHIP between Messrs. STEPHENS & HOLMES having Ex-PIRED on the 31st March, 1884, I have This Day REMOVED my OFFICE to No. 18, BANK BUILDINGS, Queen's Road Central, opposite Pedder's Street.

MATTHEW J. D. STEPHENS. Hongkong, April 1, 1884.

Intimations.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COM-PANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE. R. SAMUEL J. GOWER has This Day been appointed SECRETARY to the above Company.

By Order of the Board of Directors, E. R. BELILIQS. .Chairman.

Hongkong, April 1, 1884. HOP SHING & Co.,

ENGINEERS, BOILER MAKERS, COPPER SMITHS, BRASS & IRON

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HOLME, RINGER & Co. Nagasaki, March, 1884.

Intimations.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that in Accordance with Resolution No. 2 passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders held at the City Hall on the 30th December, 1882, ALL SHARES NOT TAKEN UP, and the 1st, 2ND, 3RD and 4TB CALLS paid on or before the 30th JUNE NEXT, will be disposed of by the Directors in such manner as in their discretion, they shall think best in the Interests of the

Corporation. By Order of the Court of Directors, T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager. Hongkong, April 24, 1884

NOTICE.

SAVINGS' BANK.

.-The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3 : Saturdays, 10

.- The Assets of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will form a direct security for the repayment of sums deposited in the above

-Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$1,500

in any one year. -Deposits may be on behalf of relations, of trusts, &c., in addition to the depositor's own account. -Persons desirous of saving sums less than a dollar may do so by affixing clean ten-cent straps to a form to be obtained at the Bank or at the Post

Office When the form is prescrited with ten clean stamps the depositor will be credited one dollar. 5. —Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent, per annum interest.

.- Deposits may be forwarded from the Ports by means of clean Hongkong Postage Stamps of any values. 8.—Interest at the rate of 35 per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

3.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and begin-

ning of July. 10.—Covers containing Pass-Books, Registered Letters containing Stamps or other Remittances, and generally, correspondence as to the business of the Bank will, if marked On Hongkong Savings' Early Business, be forwarded by the various British Post Offices in

Hongkong and China. but the personal attendance of the that charged to Brindisi or Venice, viz., depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

2.—All documents connected with the business of the Savings' Bank are exempt from stamp duty.

For the Hongrong & Shanghai Banking CORPORATION,

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hougkong, April 25, 1884.

IIIIIH Reference to the above, BUSI-NESS will be Commenced on the IST MAY, 1884.

For the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation,

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager:

Hongkong, April 25, 1884.



CONSULAR NOTIFICATION.

PERUVIAN CONSULATE. Hongkong, 15th April, 1884. CHIPPERS to the PORTS of PERU are required to Present to the Con-SULATE, at the time of shipment, an Invoice

in triplicate, as follows: 1. The name of the Shipper, Destination, and name of the Person to whom the Goods are Consigned, or, if they are to order, the Port of Destination

and name of the Ship. 2. The Mark, Number, Description, Contents, and Gross Weight of each

3. The Total value of the Invoice without details respecting each package. Goods forwarded to any other Port, for transhipment to Pern, require certified Invoices and Manifest from this Consurate. J. GRANT SMITH,

Consul for Peru. WILLIAM DOLAN, SAIL-MAKER & SHIP-CHANDLER,

22, PRAYA CENTRAL. MOTTON DUCKS, HEMP CANVAS. MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN OAKUM, LIFE BUOYS. CORK JACKETS,

&o., &c., &c. Hongkong, May 1, 1882.

DOBT. SIM & Co.'s PATENT ANTI-TO FOULING COMPOSITION

Hongkong, January 31, 1884,

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Intimations.

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> A. McIVER, Superintendent. Hougkong, March 13, 1884.

HOTEL DE L'UNIVERS, WYNDHAM STREET, HONGKONG.

THE Undersigned begs to notify the Public of Hongkong and the Coast Ports that he will RE-OPEN THE HOTEL DE L'UNIVERS

on the 1st March. The whole of the ROOMS have been

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Hongkong, February 28, 1884.

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THE LONDON ASSURANCE. INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTEP OF

His Majesty King George The First, A. D. 1720. THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are

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HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co. Hongkong, July 25, 1872. THE STRAITS INSURANCE COM-

- PANY, LIMITED. THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company are prepared to GRANT POLICIES on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World, at current

Hongkong, November 5, 1883. NOTICE. QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COM-

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Hongkong, May 19, 1881.

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DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co. Hongkong, April 3, 1884.

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. & Co. Hongkong, April 26, 186-

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"TARSEE VILLA," ROBINSON ROAD,

and No. 56, Perl Street. Posses-496 sion from 1st March. Apply to DORABJEE NOWROJEE,

> Hongkong, February 22, 1884. FREDERIC ALGAR,

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ed for SHANGHAI shortly after hor arrival from Europe. I. MARTIN, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, April 25, 1884. NOTICE. COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

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· Acting Agent. Hongkong, April 25, 1884.

Shipping.

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Hongkong, April 23, 1884. OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY. FOR LONDON PLA SUEZ CANAL. The Co.'s Steamship

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Captain Joses, will be
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Hongkong, April 23, 1884. UNION LINE. FOR YOKOHAMA VIA NAGASAKI.

Agents.

The Steamship

Captain Long Lev, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 1st May, a

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Hongkong, April 23, 1884.

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above places. Cargo and Specie will be registered for ondon as well as for Marsoilles, and acsepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

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Noon of 30th April, 1884. Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on

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the 30th April, 1884. (Parcels are not

I. MARTIN, Acting Agent. Hongkong, April 23, 1884,

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Hongkong, April 18, 1884. Insurances.

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Hongkong, January 1, 1882.

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Hongkong, March 29, 1884.

To Contributors.

To-day's Advertisements FOR SYDNEY, MELBOURNE AND A DELAIDE (Calling at PORT DARWIN & QUEENS

LAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to NEW ZEALAND, NEW CALE-DONIA, TASMANIA and FIJL) The Eastern and Aus-The tralian Steamer tralian Steamship Co.'s route via Colombo.

Capt. S. G. GREEN, will be despatched above on TUESDAY, the 13th May. Parcels (all of which must be sent to our Office) will be received up to 4 p.m. of the day previous to sailing. Contents and value of the Packages must be declared.

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Hongkong, April 28, 1884.

HALL STEAM

STEAM TO NAGASAKI AND KOBE, VIA INLAND SEA. (Taking Cargo and Passengers for YOKO-HAMA and COREA.)

THE S.S. TAKACHIHO MARU, Capt. Nye, due here on or about the May, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 9th May, at 4 p.m. Cargo received on board and Parcels at the Office up to 1 p.m. of day of sailing. No Bill of Lading signed under \$2 Noon.

All Claims must be settled on board before delivery is taken, otherwise they will not be recognized. Cango and Passengers for Yokohama will be transhipped to the Shanghai Mail Steamer at Kobe, and for Corea at Nagasaki. For further Particulars, apply at the Company's Offices, Praya Central, Ground

Agent.Hongkong, April 28, 1984.



STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID. MARSEILLES, MALTA, GIBRALTAR

NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steam-ship NEPAUL, Captain H. WYATT, with Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for LONDON, vid BOMBAY and SUEZ CANAL, on THURSDAY, the 8th May, at 4 p.m.

Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office until 10 a.m. on the day of sailing. Silk and Valuables for Europe will be transhipped at Colombo; Tea and General Cargo for London will be conveyed viá Bombay without transhipment, arriving one week later than by the ordinary direct For further Particulars, regarding

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGA-TION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong. The Contents and Value of Packages as required to be declared prior to shipment. Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Black Bills of Lading.

Hongkong, April 28, 1884.

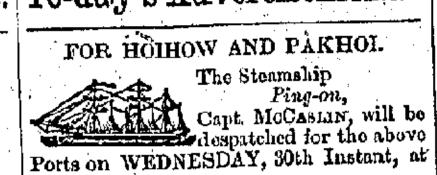
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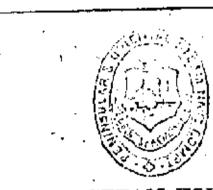
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Hon. Sec. & Treasurer. Hongkong, April 28, 1884. CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

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> SHIPPING. ARRIVALS.

April 26, 1884:-Anton, German steamer, 396, F. W. Schrader, Hoihow April 25, General. Wieler & Co. April 27 :--Namou, British steamer, 863, G. D.

Swatow 26, General. - Douglas Steamship

SIEMSSEN & Co. Concordia, German barque, 651, C. Claussen, Newcastle (N.S.W.) March 2, Coal .-ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

1,012, Lightwood, Bangkok April 21, Rice. Day of departure,--YUEN FAT HONG.

Benchutha, British steamer, from Canton. Marie Louise, German barque, 442 Erichsen, Rajang April 6, Timber. - Ont-

Minin, Russian frigate, flagship of Ad miral Kopitoff, 6,000, Grenquist, Batavia. Ping-on, British steamer, 574, A. McCaalin, Haiphong April 22, Pakhoi 24 and Hollow 26, General - Russell & Co. * For 6 months to 30th June.-+ Dividend for 1882 and Bonus of 25 per cent.-- To 90th April Sumatra, British steamer, 1,406, T.

To-day's Advertisements. To-day's Advertisements. Fairlough, Lombay April 10, General.— Minna Deutschmann, Gorman 3-masted

Behooner, from Whampon. Yang-tsé, French steamer, 2, 293, Lormier, Shanghai April 26, Mails and General.— MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

DEPARTURES. April 27:--

Welle, for Hoihow, &c. Thales, for Swatow, &c. April 28 :--Medusa, for Singapore, &c. Hailoong, for Amoy. Benarty, for Yokohama.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW. The Co.'s Steamship CLEARED. Captain PITMAN, will be Cairngorm, for Saigon. despatched for the above Port Phillip, for Hank Port Phillip, for Hankow. Anlon, for Holhow. Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 30th Inst., at Duburg, for Saigon. Benchutha, for Chefoo. For Freight or Passage, apply to Bengal, for Saigon.

PASSENGERS

Per Anton, from Hoikow, 107 Chinese. Per Namoa, from Coast Ports, Mr B. D. de Souza, and 60 Chinese. OLD CHINESE PORCELAINS AND Per Iphigenia, from Swatow, 9 Chinese. CURIOS, AND JAPANESE WARE, Per Phra Chula Chon Klao, from Bangkok, 107 Chinese. Per Marie Louise, from Rajang, 4 Chi-

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TO DEPART.

Per Cairngorm, from Saigon, 12 Chinese.

Per Port Phillip, for Hankow, 2 Euro-

Per Anton, for Hollow, 30 Chinese.

Per Benchitha, for Chefoo, 14 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Namoa reports

Swatow on the 26th inst., and experienced

moderate N. and E. winds and fine wea-

ther to Amoy; thence to Swatow light vari-

able winds with dull and hazy weather.

variable winds, second part fresh and

man gunboat Wolf.

From Swatow to port, first part calms and

creasing breeze with much rain. On 27th

inst, at 12.15 a.m., sighted a large junk

The German barque Marie Louise re-

ports: Left Rajang on 6th April, light

variable winds from the Eastward, latter

The British steamer Ping-on reports:

Left Haiphong on the 22nd April, arrived

in Pakhoi on the 23rd, left again on the

24th, arrived in Hollow on the 25th, left

again on the 26th, had fine weather with

light S.E. breeze to St. John's Island; from

there rain and thick weather with heavy

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

the 29th inst., instead of as previous.

Per Kong Beng, at 11.30 a.m., on Wed-

Per Bangalore, at 2.30 p.m., on Friday,

Per Takachiho Maru, at 3.30 p.m., on

nesday, the 30th inst-

part fresh East wind and foggy.

ly notified.

the 2nd May.

Mails for Corea). —

-Friday; the 9th May.

Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

de Janeiro, will be despatched on TUES-

which will be closed as follows ;---

2.30 P.M. Post-Office closes, but Corres-

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Packet with Late Fee of 10 cents extra

Postage until the time of departure.

HOURS OF CLOSING

THE FRENCH MAIL

parture be on Monday),—
5 P.M.—Money Order Office closes.

open out of Office hours.

A.M. -Post Office opens

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the Mails, &c.

2.15 P.M. Registry ceases.

Packet :--.

THE Undersigned has received instruc-Por Ping-on, from Haiphong, &c., 10 tions to Sell by Public Auction, on SATURDAY, Per Sumatra, from Bombay, &c., 200

the 3rd May, 1884, at 2.15 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Peddar's Wharf Buildings,— Per Yang-tie, from Shanghai: for Hongkeng, Mr. E. Ebrahim, Mrs Oberg and A VERY FINE COLLECTION OF child, Miss Calvety, Messrs Yong Kee and Leong Kee, and 3 Chinese; for Saigon, 1 OLD CHINESE PORCELAINS AND French sailor; for Singapore, Mr Mgo Sik; CURIOS, for Marseilles, Mr R. Andersen, Mr and Just received from PERIN, NANKIN, &c., Mrs Longs and 3 children, Mrs Von Mollendorf, 2 children and amah, Messra L. An-

comprising :-dersen, J. W. Stanford, and Henry Blonc. FINE SPECIMENS of FIVE-COLOURED, BLUE and White, Blue-Flowered, Sang De BOBUT, PLAMBE VASES, JARS, BASINS and Per Welle, for Hoihow, 30 Chinese. DISHES of the reigns of KANG-HI, KIEN-Per Thales, for Swatow, &c., 75 Chinese. LUNG, and the MING DYNASTY, OLD MING Per Medusa, for Singapore, &c., 4 Euro-LACQUER, OLD PERIN ENAMELS, VERY FINE peans, and 629 Chinese. Per Hailoung, for Amoy, &c., 1 Euro-

CARVED BAMBOOS. pean, and 15 Chinese. VINE SPECIMENS OF GREEN MING & BLACK KANG-HI. And · A FINE COLLECTION OF

TAPANESE PORCELAINS, comprising :-SATSUMA and KAGA VASES, TSUBOS, GOLD and Silver Inlaid Bronzes. Left Foochow on 23rd, Amoy on 24th, and

TERMS OF SALE, -As customary. Catalogues will be issued. G. R. LAMMERT, Auctioneer.

Hougkong, April 28, 1884.

PEAK CHURCH. TOTICE is hereby given, that a General bottom up, sent a boat to her, no one on MEETING of SUBSCRIBERS to board, proceeded on voyage. In Foothow the above CHURCH will be held in the S. S. Hac-thin. In Amoy: S. S. Donar, LIBRARY of the City Hall, on TUESDAY, and Camorta, H. B. M. S. Swift, French the 6th day of May, 1884, at 4 p.m., for frigate Triomphante and D'Estaing. In the purpose of receiving the Report of the Swatow : S. S. Nanshan, Fushun, and Ger-Committee of Management, passing Accounts, and electing a New Committee for the ensuing year. The Hon. TREASURER will be glad to Receive, before the above date, ALL UNPAID Subscriptions for the

Year 1883-4. W. JENNINGS.

lightning to port. MAILS will close:— WARRANTS may be had on application at For SAIGON.— Per Benledi, at 0.30 p.m., on Tuesday,

For BANGKOK .-

Hongkong, April 26, 1884.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET .-BENVENUE, British steamer, Captain J. The French Contract Packet Yangisé will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 1st May, with Mails to the beyond, via Naples; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, India (via Madras), the Australasian Colonies, Aden, Natal and the Cape,

The usual hours will be observed in closing PRINZ ALEXANDRA, Germ. steamer, Capt MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET .-The United States Mail Packet City of Rich

Pitman, Foochow April 23, Amoy 24, and The following hours are observed in closing Iphigenia, German steamer, 1,059, Ahrens, Swatow April 20, General.

Phra Chula Chom Klao, British steamer.

April 28:-and patterns ceases. A.M. - Mails closed, except for Late Late Fee of 10 cents until

11.30 a.m. - When the Post Office closes on board the packet with Late Fee of 10 cents until time of

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, April 30 :--4 p.m.—Meeting of Legislative Council. SATURDAY, May 3:-2.15 p.m.—Auction of Chinese Porcelains and Curios, &c., at Mr G. R. Lammert's.

Tuesday, May 6:-4 p.m. Meeting of Subscribers of Peak Church in the Library of the City Hall.

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PASSENGERS arriving in Hongkong, or any other persons who may desire to consult the files of local, China, Japan, American, English, Indian or Australian newspapers, are invited to call at the "CHINA MAIL" Office, where over sixty newspapers, dailies and weeklies, from these countries, are now filed for reference.

The publication of this issue commenced at 7.30 p.m.

The China Itail.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, APRIL 28, 1884. TELEGRAMS.

THE WAR IN THE SOUDAN. LONDON, April 26. Osman Digna and his followers are reported within seven miles of Suakim. The

Briton 14 guns, corvette, and the Ranger, are prepared to act in case of emergency. The British Government states in reply to the request of the Egyptian Government for aid in the expedition to Berber that such assistance is impossible at present and will not probably be practicable in less time than four months hence.

LOCAL AND GENERAL. PASSED CANAL :- San Pablo, March-30

Ning-chow, April 7; Glengarry, and Glenorchy, April 17. The next American Mail, per the P. M. S. S. Co.'s str. City of Rio de Janeiro, with San Francisco mails to the 29th ultimo, left Yokohama on 23rd inst. at daylight. She may therefore be expected to arrive here on or about Tues-

to have called deceased out of the house on day, the 29th inst. some pretext on the night of the murder; next FRENCH MAIL, per the M. Co.'s S. S. Djemuah, left Singapore on

about Sunday, the 4th May. The next direct steamers, with the Indian mail, left Calcutta on the morning of

the 19th April. The S. S. Flintshire left Singapore for this port on the 25th instant. The S. S. Priam left Singapore for this port on the 25th instant. The S. S. Glenavon left Singapore for this

port on the 26th instant. The S. S. Tannadice left Port Darwin for | Sunday, this port on the 26th instant. The S. S. Ghazee left Saigon for this port on the 27th instant.

Dock Movements:-Kongbeng will leave Kowloon Dock

to-morrow. Messas Adamson, Bell & Co. inform us United Kingdom, Europe, and places that the steamer Ghuzze, from London and Antwerp, left Saigon yesterday for Hong-

Port Philip will leave Aberdeen Dock

THE Eastern and Australian Steamship Company's S. S. Tannadice left Port Darwin on the 26th instant, and is due here on the 7th May.

THE M. M. steamer Djennah, with the next French and Australian mails, left Sin-DAY, the 6th May, with Mails for gapore for Saigon and Hongkong on Sun-Japan, San Francisco, the United Stales, Canada, Honolulu, Peru, &c., day, the 27th instant, at 4 p.m. THE Russian frigate Minin, flagship of Ad-

miral Kopitoff, arrived here this morning,

and was saluted with the usual salvo from the port, the Victor Emanuel and the foreign men-of war in the harbour. THE French cruiser Kersaint arrived Singapore from the China station on the information, and are not in a position to

Cherbourg. This withdrawal of a cruiser

NIGHT Box, which is always THE United States frigate Richmond arrived at Singapore from Hongkong on the M. W. de Ponvielle writes to Nature !the 18th April, to meet her relief, the "I took the liberty of suggesting in one of A.M.—Registry of Letters ceases. Trenton.—The Italian covette Caracciolo the last issues of the Ville de Paris a . Posting of all printed matter was to leave Singapore on the 19th April scheme for discovering clock-work in parcels

11.10 A.M.—Letters may be posted with ME. A. R. Colquhoun, Correspondent of supported by iron feet, and not nailed to the Times, arrived in Shanghai on the 20th April from Foochow, and was to leave im- proper construction were placed on each 11.40 L.M.—Lete Letters may be posted mediately for the River ports. Mr. Colquhoun intends visiting Peking on his return to Shanghai,

On the 21st April, His Excellency Sir Harry Parkos, accompanied by Messrs. Aston and Hillier, left Shanghai in the Albatross for Woosung, where the party went on board the Cleopatra, which sailed at noon for Corea. The Albatross then went np the Yangtaze.

THE French are still sending out reinforcements to Tonquin. On the 20th April, the transport Nive arrived at Singapore, cavoyage to Haiphong, with troops, stores, arms and munitions. Other reinforcements were to follow on board the Correze and the Oisc, and two new gunboats are also on their way out.

WE have noticed that the sentences recently passed by the present magistrates at the Police Court, in cases of larceny, illegally entering houses, pocket picking, &c., have been unusually lenient to the prisoners, and would probably before long produce bad results among the criminal class in the Colony. To-day, however, from our Police reports, we note a considerable change in this respect, and one which we fully believe to be both requisite and beneficial, though rather startling.

| Some further evidence was taken this afternoon in the inquest which is being held on the body of the barber who was murdered at British Kowloon on the night of the 16th instant. A shopkeeper named La Alum, in whose house the first of the two prisoners now arrested used to live. stated that the first prisoner, Apong, went out on the evening of the 16th instant, the night of the murder, and did not return until the afternoon of the next day, when he told the witness and his wife to tell any one who came looking for him that he was not there. Inspector Donald Thomson, who is in charge of the case, said in evidence, that after he had taken the first prisoner into gool, the latter called him back and said: 'I did not kill the man; it was two barbers in Hung Hom, named Alung and Ashing, who did it. I saw them strike deceased on the head with an iron bar.' In consequence of this, witness caused Ashing, or Asing, to be arrested. Prisoner afterwards pointed him out as one of the barbors whom he accused from among nine prisoners arranged beside each other in gaol. Sergeant Lau Shui also gave evidence as to the arrest of the second prisoner, and also as regards the first prisoner's statement to Inspector Thomson. This witness said that the first prisoner stated that 'not only myself but two others were there.' He also stated that the two barbers were employed in the same shop as the deceased had been; and that the people in the village said the first and second prisoner, and Alung, the barber who had bolted, had been watching for an opportunity to kill deceased for a long time. Inspector Thomson stated he was unable to produce may further evidence; and he did not think he would be able to get any more. A boy, named Ow Awa, was known

and deceased had never returned. This on the 27th instant, at 4 p.m., and buy's testimony would no doubt be valumay be expected to arrive here on or lable; but he has left the place, and cannot RETURN of visitors to the City Hall Museum

for the week ending 27th April, 1884:-Chinese. 152 Tuesday. Wednesday Thursday. 275 Sunday 1,700 Totals 174

Grand total 1,880.

Ir is notified in the Government Gazette that Mr W. H. Forbes has been recognised as Mosser will leave Cosmopolitan Dock in charge of the Swedish and Norwegian Consulate during the absence of Mr C. V. Smith.-Also that Sir George Phillippo, Chief Justice, has been granted three months' vacation leave, and that Mr Justice Russell has been appointed Acting Chief Justice; and also that Mr C. E. Holworthy has been appointed clerk of the Puisne

> A PRIVATE letter was received yesterday (April 24th) from Peking, in which the following sentence occurs :- " The French demand for an indemnity will be scornfully rejected." We believe that the source of this is good, and that the statement reflects the openly-expressed views of those in a position to know. Whether the policy thus avowed will be persisted in when the time comes to put it into operation is of course another matter. - N. C. Daily News.

A BUMOUR was current in Shanghai on the 24th April that the Shansi bankers had received news of the suicide of His Imperial Highness Prince Kung. We immediately instituted enquiries, with the result that all knowledge of any such event was denied by the officials, but emphatically confirmed by the native bankers. We have no further Mails, &c., by the French Contract 18th April, and, having coaled, left for decide upon the genuineness of the story. There is, however, nothing impossible in it. From other sources we learn that matters Day before departure (or Saturday if the de- from the Far East has not a very warlike are not improving, great anxiety being felt ninong the Chinese respecting the move-

> deposited in luggage-rooms. All the lug-gage should be laid flat on wooden tables them; the least noise within the parcels would be made audible if a microphone of table. The charge for keeping should be made heavier to diminish the number of parcels, and the right of opening optional with the railway companies,

crusade in the Mauritius is one calculated to find favour in the newspapers there, all of which are, we believe, owned or edited by natives, yet there are signs that his policy will not ultimately meet with the unanimous approval of the press in the island. One of the most responsible journals in St. Louis has already commenced to criticise in a somewhat disparaging tone the policy inaugurated by our ex-Governor in his new aphere. Merchants and Planters' Gazette, of the 28th February, thus refers to one of Sir John Pope Hennessy's 'Mauritius for the Mauritians' speeches :-

and India, as well as elsewhere. trustworthy. That such a sentiment should | candle-powder. have been expressed and even acted up to our Governor can understand; but he cors:—Captain, R. L. Phythian; Lieutdeplores the fact of its having been recorded. Commander, R. B. Bradford; Captain,, H. But what is meant by the term English- A. Bartlett, U. S. M. C.; Lieutenaut L. men? Does it mean Englishmen pure and | Karmany, U. S. M. C.; Lieutenants, Asa simple? or does it not mean men of many | Walker, W. J. Swinburne, A. G. Berry. nationalities forming that large category H.W. Schaefer, C. G. Calkins, M. L. Wood, one stock they are now divided into five -British Subjects? We raise the point, F. W. Coffin; Ensigns, G. C. Foulk, C. C. because we heard a gentleman insisting the Goor, A. Gleaves, C. N. Atwater, J. H. other day that there have been few Eng- Holcombe, E. H. Tillman, F. W. Bodwen; lishmen appointed to important posts in Chief Engineer, J. Trilley, Mid-Inspector, (3) 朱裔, (4) 匿谷, and (5) 日利. Mauritius, and that the "hard bargains," E. S. Bogert; Paymaster, G. A. Eyon; as a rule, were not English. There is Chaplain, W. O. Holway; P. Assistant another bearing of the question to which Engineers, J. S. D. Bootwick, H. T. to a dispute as to which of two girls should we might refer. It will we think be con- | Cleaver : P. Asst. Surgeon, N. M. Ferebee ceded that the number of appointments | Asst. Surgeon, H. B. Scott; Asst. Engineer to positions under government, filled by E. R. Freeman; 12 Naval Cadets, Corean natives of Mauritius, is far greater in pro- Embassy, Prince Min Young, I. K Minisportion then those open to the sons of ter. Soli Kwang Pum, Secretary, Pyon See, the soil in the neighbouring French colony | Attache. of Rennion. We might go much further. We might declare that the liberality of the British government in this respect, as re- | Sin Joseph Fayrer, President of the Megards Mauritius, is far greater then obtains | dical Society, and the first authority in the generally in Crown Colonies, and that the general policy of our imperial government upon this voxed question will compare in a new capacity, with an infallble receipt favorably with that pursued by the French, for soothing fretful children to sleep. the Spanish or the Dutch. This, after all, laccompanying sketch of the necessary apis one of the many questions in regard to paratus, with a baby in situ, is taken from which much might be urged from two op the Medical Times. In nearly every Himaposite points of view. We are glad to note | layan village the native baby is placed in a that Sir John Pope Hennessy paid a well- trough, into which there trickles a constant merited compliment to the liberal policy of stream of water. This falling upon the our imperial government in appointing a vertex of the cranium induces sleep. Mauritian to the post of Chief Justice of | Children lie in their troughs for hours our Supreme Court.

Upwards of 400 clergymen have now signed a declaration in favour of an Affirmation Bill. The names include Dean Plumptre, Archdeacon Cheetham, Canon David J. Vaughan, the Rev. H. Scott Holland, Dr Abbott, the Hon, and Rev. W. H. Freemantle, and the Rev. C. H. Turner, Rector of St. Georgo's in the East.

THE news of a remarkable natural phenomenon is reported from Bona, in Algeria. An isolated mountain, the Dshebel Naibo, 800 feet high, is sinking into the earth. Round its foot there is a deep hollow, and | answer to the sin and scandal of spread before long the mountain will disappear. The district of Bona has once before wit- letters, were, after proof had been led in the time of the Romans. St. Augustin | nion for twelve months from March 12. who lived at Bona, described the whole dis- 1881, and thereafter until they should appear there is nothing to be found concerning the that the two ladies. formation of the lake, it is supposed that it has existed only for about a thousand tion read from the pulpit, deny the charge

THE Italian Government continues to de. vote its energies to the strengthening of its navy. Towards the end of this year two ironciada-the Francesco Morosini at Venice, and the Ruggiero di Lauri at Castellamare—will be ready to launch. As soon as this is done other two first-class ships of war of the type of the Italia will be put on the stocks. There are still in course of construction at Venice the Stronand at Castellamare the Etwa, torpedo ram, 90 metres in length.

THE council of the Cremation Society of England purchased, in the year 1878, a freeespecially adapted by position for the purpose; and erected thereon a building, with an apparatus of the most approved kind, for effecting cremation of the dead. They have issued a circular stating that the sopiety felt it a duty to indicate those safeguards which they deem it essential to associatewith the proceedings in order to prevent the destruction of a body which may have met death by unfair means. The following, therefore, are the conditions on which the omployment of the crematorium will alone be permitted by the council :-

An application in writing must be made to the friends or executors of the deceased —unless it has been made by the deceased person himself during life-stating that it was the wish of the deceased to be cremated after death. 2. A certificate must be sent in by one qualified medical man at least, who attended the deceased until the time of death, unhesitatingly stating that the cause of death was natural, and what that cause was. '3. If no medical man attended during the illness, an autopsy must be made by a medical officer appointed by the society, or no cremation can take place,

Ds. Shapira, whose name will be remembered in connection with the offering for sale in England of an alleged manuscript of a portion of the Old Testsment, has commit ted suicide in Rotterdam. After the complete exposure of the affair (the Hague correspondent of the Standard says)-a brief examination of the manuscript by the authorities of the British Museum having sufficed to show that the parchment for flooded if branch rivers are opened to the which Shapira demanded £1,000,000 was a north, but ## # | | shews that the only clumsy forgery—he came to Holland, living successively in Amsterdam and Bloemendaal and finally in Rotterdam, where he took a part of its flow into the 注版 and 点块 room in an hotel a fortnight since. The at- rivers, each of which, he calculates, will tendants having noticed some days ago that Dr. Shapira did not make his appearance, the door of his room was forced open by the it confined to Shan Tung. The Governor police, and his dead body was found lying of Shan Tung disapproves of the E od his brain. In the room were discovered | which could never be accomplished without several cards bearing the addresses of book- forced labour, and would only lead to fursellers and antiquarian agents in London and Jerusalem, and in a trunk were several ther corruption by mandarins anxious to memorandum to be stamped. English and Hebrew manuscripts, pamescape responsibility. He maintains that phlets, etc. One letter was also found the E E is the most fessible plan, that giving unmistakeable evidence of mental derangement. Dr. Shapira's conduct had is, repairs as urgently required with only been very strange for some time, and the one year's guarantee.

ALTHOUGH Sir John Pope Hennessy's new | Schiedam police arrested him recently on | suspicion of insanity. He was a naturalized Gorman, and had his home in Jerusalem, where his wife and child are living.

THE United States frigate Trenton, Captain R. L. Phythian, arrived at Singapore on the 19th April last from Colombo. - She has on board Prince Ming Yong Ik (Minister), Toh Kwang Kurn (Secretary), United States She will remain in Singapore for about five days and will then sail her way to Corea. After landing the Corean embassy at their home, she will proceed to Yokohama and become the flagship ral John Lee Davis Commanding. Trenton left New York on the 1st Decem-If His Excellency has been correctly re- ber, called at Gibraltar, Marseilles, Naples, ported, his utterances regarding the work- Port Said, Suez and Aden. From Maying of the law-ordinance 10 of 1881- seilles the Prince visited London and Paris, framed for the more adequate protection of and from Naples he went to Rome. The our woods and forests, are calculated to Trenton is frigate built, 272 feet long create false impressions, both in England and 48 feet beam, and her displacement is selves have imitated the Chinese in borrow-3,800 tons. She carries a battery of ten His Excellency next alluded to the gen- 8-inch rifled guns and four Hotchkiss guns. practice of filling the posts of She is manned by 39 officers, 376 men, heads of departments with Englishmen, 54 marines and 16 bandsmen, and is lightand excluding therefrom Mauritians, on ed throughout with the Edison light and plea that Englishmen are more has two electric search lights of 20,000

The following are the names of the offi-

world about snake poison, has come forward

asleep while their mothers go about their work. We fear Sir Joseph Fayter's plan would be only too successful in this country. After a day or two's exposure in the water trough the child would probably sleep the aleep that knows no waking. The system may work in India, but it cannot be guaranteed as safe for home application.

Ar the close of the service in the old church of Arbroath, Scotland, on March 16, the Rev. Gordon J. Murray, assistant minister of the parish, read a judgment of the kirk session, to the effect that two ladies, members of the congregation, having been summoned to appear before the kirk session to ing infamous falsehoods and nessed a similar event; the Lake Fezzara, | quantimously found guilty of the same, of more than 12,000 hectares, did not exist and were suspended from the commutrict without once mentioning the lake, and | before the kirk session and have the said sin researches in 1870 have resulted in the dis- and scandal removed. It was further stated covery of the ruins of a Roman town at the | that the public intimation of the sentence addresses were given in the public intimabrought against them. Both were present throughout the service and while the kirk session's sentence against them was being

CHINESE NOTES.

It appears that the Hangehow Silk Conmissioner gets Tls. 1000 a month for expenses in addition to his salary. The Nanking man does not get this, but makes a profit by overcharges. The Board recently named Ng Asee with intent to commit a informed him that in future 70 per cent. onl would be paid upon his accounts, but ant it appeared that at 1.30 a.m., on the speaker, a lady of great talent [!], and of position of his Hangehow colleague, the hold site at St. John's, Woking, in Surrey, Nanking man has induced the Emperor to explicitly authorise his 'squeezing' as before. It is hopeless to look forward to reform in Chinese finance whilst this sort of thing goes ou.

> The barbarous system of punishing children for the offences of their parents still exists in China. In a recent murder case in Chékiang, where an escaped criminal murdered three of his relatives in revenge, including a senior, the wife and son have to suffer too [昭 例 紙 坐], not with stand. ing the slicing in pieces of the husband and father, and their own innocence. The wife is temporarily respited whilst enceinte.

> Chu-ko Liang invented a system of tactics called 八 [] 圖. As Chinese military operations are still conducted on ancient principles, and are often successful, it would be well for European generals to have a record of the outlines of Han Sin's and K'ung ming's strategy.

The Yellow River is still exercising the minds of Chinese statesmen. The Vicercy Tso wishes to send it back to 雲 樹 崇, or the # p channel. The Vicercy Li is afraid of Chih Li and the capital being way to make a good job of it is to direct relieve it of two feet of water, and still keep

The mechanical cattle [木牛流]] described by Mr Stent on page 84 of the 7th Volume of the China Review, and alluded possibly wheel-barrows, are thus described in the P'ci-wen Yim-fu; 'They had square hard labour. bellies, curved heads, one horn, four feet their heads entered their necks, and their and Pyon Sin (attache), who were part of a tongues were placed [? [3]] in the belly. special Corean embassy recently sent to the They could hold a great deal, but not walk much. They were suitable forgreat occasions for Hongkong and perhaps Nagasaki, on but not for miscellaneous use.' From this it would seem that they were simply boxes, probably standing on legs tipped with of the Asiatic Squadron, Rear Admi- wheels or castors. The grain was probably poured in at the 'neck,' and allowed to run out by the 'stomach' by the process of

> The Viceroy of Sz chinan gives some interesting details regarding the independent [各不相下] Tibitan tribes [士司 near Ta-taien Lu, some of whom we saw in Poking in the year 1870. Originally all of surnames, and intermarry with each other. The surnames are (1) 励 書, (2) 孔 微, There has just been a petty civil war, owing marry a young chief, and the Chinese authorities have settled the dispute by making the earliest engaged the wife, and the other the concubine. From the expression 夷字甘稿 it appears that they are educated-probably in Tibetan character.

The Chinese (who claim to have had everything) had even tight lacing before we had : thus the King of Ch'u [囊 上屋] was so fond of small waists [] aij | mark, "She is the most useful creature that half the palace ladies died of starva-There was a saying in the time of (a.d. 80) which satirised the fashions of the day 'If tall chignons are fashionable at the capital, the country people will wear | house in Cromwell Road where the said them a foot high: if broad eyebrows are the rage, the country folk will have them ("Monsignor Baliol") as one who "aphalf way across the brow; if silks are the | (pears to go in for the bon diable fashion, the country people will wear nothing else at all.

Police Intelligence. (B fore E. Mackean Esq., Acting Police Magistrate). Monday, April 28.

ARCENY OF CLOTHING AND BANK RECEIPTS Lum Akai, hawker, appeared on remand charged with stealing a box of clothing and two deposit receipts for \$200 and \$300 respectively, the property of John Maxwell of the Naval Yard Police, and Wong Aying,

Evidence was given by Mr S. C. Addis clerk in the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, to the effect that on Friday last, Sereant Maxwell called at the Bank and inprisoner called with one of the receipts for payment, and not being able to give an explanation of how the receipt came into his possession, was arrested. This evidence was correborated by a

shroff at the Bank, to whom the defendant had brought the deposit receipt for payment, and after some further evidence had been given by Wong Aying, who described herself as wife of Sergt. Maxwell, the prisoner was committed for trial at the Supreme Court.

ILLEGALLY ENTERING A HOUSE. Li Ping, a hawker, was charged with attempting to enter the house of a widow

folony, on the 27th inst. From the evidence given by the complainhaving pointed out the more favourable 27th inst., when complainant was in bed in her room on the first floor of No. 77, Helly wood Road, she heard a noise as of someone opening the door. She got up and saw defendant on the verandal. Complainant eles! called out thief and defendant ran away and where he was caught by a constable.

> matches upon bim against the prisoner, and he was now senwith hard labour.

on the 25th instant, and took off her jacket any price." ran away to a pawnshop with it. A boy heard the same thing from any of earth. R. A. Proctor, in Good Words. who saw the defendant running away iden- you that I have met in London, though tified him, and the defendant, who had one I feet sure you must be quite right. previous conviction against him, was sen- [Charming person!] All her books give tenced to six months' hard labour.

practice of doing this.

A fined of \$5 was imposed.

(Before A. G. Wise, Esq.)

Tang Asang, a ricepounder, was caught to by Mr Mayors' [Manual No. 88] as being on the 'tween decks of the S. S. Meibera. in the act of breaking open a box with a chisel, and was sent to gaol for three weeks

> Wong Asing, an old gool bird, was found on the top floor of 143 Queen's Road West. at 5 o'clock in the evening, supposed for the purpose of committing a felony, room below was a silversmith's shop. Defendant was sentenced to three months' hard labour as a rogue and vagabund.

POCKET PICKING. Chun Ayau, a hawker, was convicted of picking the pocket of one Chan Kwan Hing. of \$1.20 cents, on the 26th inst. Defendant denied the charge but admitted a previous conviction, and was senpulling a leather thong or valve. The enced to six months' hard labour. English words saw-horse, clothes-horse iron-cow, &c., are examples how we our-

A SWEET THING IN FICTION 'Fair Helen' is a new novel in three ing horse-power for mechanical appliances. volumes, by a Mr William Graham, who K'ung Ming also invented, a new cross-bow states he is also the author of 'Neath Southern Skies, ' 'Two Fancies,' etc. is one of the most silly productions that was ever issued from the press. A man who sits down to write a three volume novel is generally supposed to possess a certain amount of literary ability, or to be ham's novel is, however, a work that any school boy over fifteen years of ago, and possessing average intelligence, would be aslamed to own. We presume the book is published at the author's expense and on his own responsibility,—an arrangement which accounts for much trash being sent out from the printing press to the world. Life thus criticises this remarkable addition to current literature ;—

If, as the author alleges, this story be the great value of Borneo as a coaling indeed a true one, we do not envy the station for our steamers trading with China writer his feelings when confronted by any and Australia, the meeting concluded with of the ladies whom, with singular infelicity. he has singled out for mention, beginning with Mrs. "Langford," who is made to rethat God over made, in my opinion. should think He must have felt proud of Himself when He had done that." Elsewhere, a chapter is quaintly headed "The Greek Play; or, Greeks and their Freaks"-which will be much appreciated at the hospitable Greek play was performed. Monsigner Capel is referred to in the third volume style of thing. Monsignor comes into a drawing-room full of ladies with much the same what one might call jounty jollity that he would enter (sic) a billiard-room full of subalterns. He is a big, portly man, with a jolly, unctuous face. He is remarkably fond of young ladies, fond of all ladies. in fact, but of young ladies in particular. He liked saving loving girls from the flames of purgatory. So much more interesting, you know, than skinny. dried up old women, or uninteresting men. There is more of this vulgarity in reference to Monsignor Capel, but we have ou ted

sufficient of it to show Mr Graham's outraneously bad taste. The chapter wherein the eminent cleric is thur weakly and snobbishly held up to ridicule is eked out by a gross libel on a lady—" Onida" to wit, who is dragged in solely to be abused by the spiteful-tongued author. "Have you seen Mdlle, de Fontency l'axid some one, 'Yes,' would here ask, would ever dream of has been over here for some time, you April know, and just gone back to Florence, after a stay of a month here. She made a most heroic attempt to get into society this time. but, alas! without avail. She is no more fortunate there (sic). People don't seem to believe quite in that spotless! [Funcy, if you can, anyone speaking of a lady in such [strain as this | I was never so disquete with anyone in my life as I was with her when I met her other day at the Nortons, th only people who have a ything to do with her That constant painful straining after wit, of which she has not a jot, is most wearisom and disgusting.' 'And her manners. understand, are atrocious,' said Lady Horton, 'Her manners,' returned the somewhat incisive tongue evidently, 'are, she imagines, her strong point; to me they appear more like the manners of an under-

bred nursery governess than anything Now, we venture to say that nothing got on to the verandah of the next house, prore atrociously vulgar and libellous than this has ever been penned of a lady—one, When captured by the constable, defend- too, whose undoubted genius entitles her ant had some keys, a knife and a box of to at least the respect of all other authors. Our literary drifformier, however, has not Four previous convictions were proved | yet thrown sufficient mud at "Onida," so he continues: "'She is altogether too tenced to be imprisoned for six months fond of men with forms like the Apollo Belvidere, and eyes like the dying-Christ; and she has no knowledge whatever of re-Lau a Pun, a seaman, was charged with sense of humour, and malicious to a and laid it down by her side. Defendant | Florentine people are terribly against |

one the idea of an eminently disagreeable woman.' 'Oh, the woman is detestable! CONTRAVENTION OF THE STAMP ORDINANCE. replied Mrs Vereker. 'She wishes to palm' at Guildhall, Mr Innes presiding.—Reply- too soon. Sometimes the two operations Jayme Rangel appeared to answer a sum- herself off on the world as an injured inno- ing to Mr Tickle, who asked if cremation of printing and folding are combined in mons in which he was charged by the Hon, cent, who is quite a waif and a stray in this as a mode of burial would be safer than one and the same machine. This is the A. Lister, collector of the Stamp Revenue, cold world. In point of fact, she is simply the present mode, and would be a preven- case with the Scott printing machine. with having unlawfully drawn, executed and a loud, vulgar woman, to say the least of it; tive of contagious disease. Dr Sedgwick made at Plainfield, N.J. This, the last signed two brokers' notes on unstamped no better than she ought to be; ill-dressed to Saunders, the medical officer of health for outcome of American genius in the conpaper contrary to Ordinance No 12 of 1866. [a degree, ill-mannered, bad tempered, and] the City, stated that cremation was the struction of rotary printing presses, The Collector of the Stamp Revenue spiteful. However, the woman is utterly least objectionable of all known methods the invention of Walter Scott. It is said :-On the 17th instant, the defendant beneath-contempt, and we never even no- for the disposal of the dead. Cremation of the simplest in construction, the most presented two brokers' notes at the Stamp | tice her. . . . As a matter of fact, she | bodies can be effected without nuisance or | compact, makes the least noise running, and Office with a request that they might be known nothing whatever of society, having injury to health. Cremation would be a prints the most rapidly of them all, throwing stamped after execution without penalty, never been received in either London or Italy. boon to mankind if guarded by restrictions off 35,000 printed single sheets an hour, As a remission of penalty is only provided 'Oh, yes; in London, of course, it used which would prevent the concealment of more than 5 0 a minute, and delivering for when the omission is accidental or in to be a regular joke,' said Lady Horton. foul play, and such restrictions could be themfolded, counted, and the count registeradvertent I impounded the notes. I had The men in the clubs used to joke about satisfactorily formulated. The practice of ed. It is 15 feet long by 5 feet wide and 41 reason to believe defendant was making a the invitations she sent round, requesting cremation would diminish the risk of infective high. As we stood beside one of these practice of doing this.

the honour [sic] of their company, and in tion of the living from the dead, remove a machines upon a certain morning not long.

Defendant said:—I called on the Stamp the corner "cigarettes permis," which was prolific source of the pollution of under-since in the office of the New York Flark office on the 5th instant and asked the entirely nunecessary, as no ladies ever ac- ground water supplies, and help to stamp and saw it in operation, witnessed the clerk if I could see Mr Lister as I had a cepted her invitations, and such mon as did out certain epizoutics which derive their marvellous rapidity with which it threw off doubt and wished Mr Lister to decide. The so never took the trouble of waiting for origin from the special barilli or bacteria the printed sheets, folded ready for delivery clerk asked what the doubt was. I told permission to smoke." [Such men as the generated from putrescent animal sub- to the reader, we were astonished indeed, him; and he said that as it was mail day I author of "Fair Helen," presumedly:] stances. Cremation completely destroys The thing had for us a fascination which on the floor, beside it being a six-clumber- or 'guaranteed for three years' proposal, come next day. Next day the clerk told this book. This statement that "Ouida" the presence of poisons derived from the whole of their morning edition me a similar case had been de aded by Mr | was " never received either in London or | vegetable kingdom is lost during the burn- | had been worked off and the machine came

slanders ontitled "Fair Helen."

descriptive of North Borneo. Admiral by volatalisation and decomposition, whilst Howitt, a printer of New York City. Ryder presided. Mr Cobb, having men-lead, barium, chromium, and copper, &c., tioned that Borneo was the largest island would remain. Cremation should only be in the world save Australia, and that its permitted on proof that the deceased person history (like that of Australia) was modern, had consented to it during his lifetime, proceeded to describe the geographical posi-, or in the case of children; that it took place tion of the island, the greater part of which by the desire of the parents. In addition now belonged to the Dutch. That portion to the usual certificate of the cause of of the island known as British Borneo was, death a post-mortem examination and chehe said, held under the charter of the mical analysis of the viscera should be British North Borneo, Company, and was a insisted upon by the State, performed by a territory comprising 25,000 square miles, public functionary unconnected with the This, the lecturer considered, was the most deceased or the family medical attendant. interesting portion of the whole island, con- A coroner's inquest should be held after taining, as it does, the best harbours, the the post-morten examination. -Mr Tickle most fertile soil, and the richest in natural | then gave notice that at the next meeting productions—such as birds' nests, camphor, the would move that it be referred to guttapercha, sago, &c., besides valuable Select Committee to consider and report minerals. The agents and residents of the whether it was not advisable that a proper company during the two years that had crematorium should be erected at Ilford elapsed since the Government granted the Cemetery that the public might adopt that charter had busied themselves in acquiring a mode of sepulture if they so wished it. the confidence of the natives and establishing the elements of civilised government. Their success was, the lecturer said, remarkable; their presence was everywhere welcomed; and their authority gladly admitted, and Mr Treacher, who subsequently became governor of the new colony under the company, in his last official report, issued in 1882, had stated that there had been a rapid development in the resources of the country. The natives were particularly cordial with Englishmen, but the Dutch and the Spaniards were not favourably regarde, because of the bad reputation they had gained in connection with their occupation of other parts of the something botter than an empty-headed island. In conclusion, Mr Cobb paid a which had led to the establishment of peace, order, and civilised rule where death, treachery, murder, and slavery only were known. In the discussion which ensued Sir Rutherford Alcock pointed out that, owing to its favourable position as a port of call for our Eastern trading ships, British North Borneo was destined to become a colony of great national importance. Mr Hyde Clarke, Admiral Mayne, and Mr

Liggins also took part in the discussion.

the latter regretting the inert conduct of

our Government with regard to colonial

the usual votes of thanks. THE QUEEN'S VISIT TO GERMANY. many about a fortnight, and are expected open for the entrance of the molten met making such an imbecile remark !] 'She to return to England before the close of THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE SEA

INTO THE EARTH'S INTERIOR.

Sacmann, Le Mednier, Frankland, and

Sterry Hunt, that in the remote future of

There is good reason for believing, with

the earth the waters of the sea will be with drawn into her interior. The process of withdrawal is in reality taking place even now. Enter any cavern, such as Kent's Hole in Devonshire, on the driest and hot test day, or even after weeks of dry weather, and you shall find the roof wet with the waters which have been slowly making their way from the surface, where they fell in the form of rain months before. Throughout the whole crust of the earth except in a few spots where rain never falls the same process is going on all the time. Only a portion of the water, which thus falls on the earth, ever returns to the sur face in the form of springs. Artesian wellshow how slowly some of the strata of the earth permit water which has thus reached them to pass through; but they show also how large a portion of the earth's waters are already beneath the surface. may well be that the amount actually withdrawn from the sea surface in this way, and not restored, does not produce a change of level of more than a foot in a thousand years. Still even that would involve a very important alteration in the aspect of the spectable society and is utterly devoid of all earth in such periods of time as belong to a I planet's history. A millions years would stealing a jacket, value 80 cents, the proper- fiendish degree, while her diatribes against reduce the sea-level by a thousand feet, and ty of Wong a Ko, a widow. Complainant 1 society are levelled simply because society in a pe iod of time, which cannot be was in the theatre at Yau-ma-ti at 2 p.m. will not have such sweet innocence at reckoned long when compared with the vast You Roman and periods of which the heavens and the earth speak to us, every trace of water would came up and snatched up the jacket and her,' said Lady Horton. 'I have always have disappeared from the surface of the

Lister; and that to save further trouble I Italy" is a glaring and disgreeful untruth, ing tissues. The most potent of these are to a stop that the spell was broken. Though should pay a penalty and give up the for anyone who knows Italian society is morphia, struchnine, brucia, nicotin, enswering all the requirements of ordinary aware that "Ouida" was a constant visitor accomita, digitalis, conium, atropia, in ad- newspapers, it has until quite recently been The Collector pressed for a substantial at Sir Augustus and Lady Paget's when dition to which prussic acid and other deemed impossible to adapt the web printing tley were at the Embassy. A greater libel compounds of cyanogen, oxalac acid, car- machines to the tiner work of illustrated d a woman was never perpetrated than by bolic acid, and all free acids are dissipated, newspapers; but this has at length been The decision in this case will be appealed the author of the farrage of absurdities and The chances of detecting many of the most accomplished, and they are now used for the Governor Goodwin. Eildenhope. dangerous mineral poisons in cremated re- printing of engravings as well as of letter- Allahabad.

NEWSPAPER PRINTING.

(Phrenological Journal, New York). At the time of the France-Prussian war, the sale of newspapers in London was limited only by the ability of the press to supply them. When the circulation of the New York Weekly Tribune was over 200,000, it required two days to print an edition on one of Floo's fast tem-cylinder presses. This may do for weekly newspapers, as they are not so much relied upon for news but for a daily it would not answer at all. There is no merchantable commodity in its nature so perishable as news. What is news in the morning at breakfast time is, in the afternoon, no news, and has then no commercial value as such. The problem then was to print the whole of one of these immense editions between the time of going to press in the small hours of the morning and an oarly sunrise. This could be done only by setting several presses running at the same time. But to set up the paper half-a-dozen times, consider how many compositors would be required, how much room they would occupy, and how much all this would cost. But the problem has at length been solved by the introduction into newspaper printing of the storeotype. Book stereotypmatters. The chairman having pointed out ing has already been described. In stereotyping for newspapers the process is not greatly different from that, except in the material of which the matrix is made, which in this case is papier muche, simply paper. The advantages which this possesses over plaster or clay are, the readiness with which it can be The Queen and Princess Beatrice will, made to dry and harden, and the facility according to the most recent arrangements, with which it can be made to assume the says the Daily News of the 18th March, semicircular form required for a cylindrical leave Windsor Castle on the 7th of April | press. The paper matrix is made by laying for Germany. The Royal party, attended a sheet of moderately thick unsized paper, by the Marchioness of Ely, Lady Churchill, something like blotting-paper—the smooth Amoy 30 11 65.0 79 NE 4 0 0.03 Lord Bridport, and General Sir H. F. surface of which has been treated with Ponsonby, will travel by special train over | powdere | French | rhalk-upon | the form the South Western and South Eastern Rail- | previously oiled, adding thereto successive ways to Port Victoria, the terminal station | layers of tissue paper, dampening the whole of the Hundred of Hoo line, at the mouth and covering it with a wet cloth. The of the Medway, which will be reached in paper is then beaten into the interstices of an hour and three quarters, the journey | the type with brushes. The wet cloth is being seven-and-a-half miles shorter than | then removed, a reinforcesheet of the thick that to Queensborough, while the anchorage | cr paper added, and the beating renewed is better. Passengers at Port Victoria, Sometimes instead of beating with brushes which is nearly opposite Sheerness, embark | a blanket is thrown over the paper as it lies at any tide from the pier which has been upon the form, and the whole put in constructed by the South Eastern Com- a press, by means of which the same resul pany. From Port Victoria her Majesty is reached; the press being awarmed by and Princess Beatrice will cross the North jets of gas in order to accelerate Sea in the Osborne to Flushing, which will the drying of the matrix. The whol be made on the following day, and whence operation requires but a few minutes, whil they proceed about bulf-past ten o'clock in by the processes employed in book stereoty the evening, by special train to Darmstadt, | ping as many hours would be necessary, where the Royal travellers arrive on the With daily newspapers, the whole matter | Foothow 9th of April. The Queen and Princess is a question of time; time is: the main Beatrice while staying at Darmstadt will factor in the problem, everything hinges reside at the Palace of the Grand Doke of upon that. The matrix when completed is Hesse, and will attend the marriage of simply a sheet of pasteboard the size of a Princess Victoria (daughter of his Grand | newspaper page, one side of which presents Ducal Highness and the late Princess Alice) the reading matter of a page, engraved, as | cularly in the North. Gradients indicate and Prince Louis of Battenburg, which will it were, in integlio. This is laid, face uptake place at Darmstadt on Easter Tuesday, | ward, in a semicircular iron casting box, to formed him that two deposit receipts had replied someone else. 'I am sorry to say the 15th of April. Her Majesty and Princess | the shape of which it readily adapts itself been stolen. On the following day the I know her.' [What sane person, we Beatrice will, it is believed, remain in Ger- the box is then closed leaving one end

> have been previously locked up and store typed, as many plates being made fro each as it is intended to have presses ru ning. As the hour for going to press a proaches—about 2 a.m.—the last form locked up, and quickly sterentyped the same as the others, the plates adjusted to Di'tion of wind the cylinders of the rotary presses, and the Force muchines put in motion. At 3 a.m. the Weather..... morning papers are to be found in all the Rain...... down-town hotels, restaurants, and salcons open at that early hour, though all the sheets are not struck off until an hour or an hour and a half later. Newspapers that issue two or more sheets go to press with the sheets containing advertisements and all matter not strictly news at an earlier hour of the night. The method of making stereotypes for newspapers originated here through Mr Charles Craske, and was by him introduced into the office of the New York Tribune in 1861. As improvements. which facilitate its operations and add to its effectiveness are made in one of the machines of any given series, every other one in that series has to mend its pace in order to keep up. Nevapapers were now printed to rapidly that it became necessary to provide some method quicker than manipulation by human fingers to get them out of the way of the steam press. Steam printing machines created a demand for steam folding machines; and, as necessity is said to be the mother of invention, the A meeting of this Commission was held latter appeared in due time, but not a day

THE COLONISATION OF BORNEO. mains would not be entirely lost, but press. The credit of this improvement has Mr B. Francis Cobb road a paper at the would certainly be vastly lessened; thus been claimed by the Germans, but it is rooms of the Society of Arts on March 18, preenic, mercury, and zine would disappear | really due to an American, Mr. H. J.

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Hongkong Observatory, April 28.

4. Direction or Wind, to two points. 5 FUREE OF WIND, according to Beaufort

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